

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Joshua Barrow, Ida Green, Thomas Newmeyer, Debra Turner,
Caroline Van Alst

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:31 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that no action was taken in closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Barrow led the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

Trustee Van Alst asked that items 13.01, the Indoor Environmental Services Contract and 13.02, Resolution 751, be brought to the top of the agenda.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to bring the above items to the top of the agenda.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Trustee Van Alst said that concerns have been raised by the County Superintendent that she has a common law conflict of interest in decisions that affect the relationship between the district and the charter school, arising from the fact that she has children attending the charter school. She continued: Although I do not believe that a conflict exists, given the nature of the allegations and the ongoing investigation of the district by the Attorney General, I am recusing myself from several items on the agenda: 8.01, correspondence from MCOE, 9.02, Superintendent's Report, 10.01, Willow Creek Academy Oversight Committee Report, 12.01, CLM Inc. Group Contract and 13.03, SARC Report for 2016-2017. She asked that these items be grouped together and addressed at the end of the agenda.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to Group the Above Items Together and Address them at the End of the Agenda

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner said that she attended a talk on educational equity sponsored by the Marin Promise Partnership at Dominican University. She encouraged everyone to listen to the talk if it becomes available on the Marin Promise website.

Trustee Van Alst said she attended the Tam High School registration event at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy as well as the orientation event at Tam, in which elective options for students were discussed. She recommended the AVID program, which helps high school students prepare for college, to parents and students in the district.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Marilyn Mackel said that trustees of the Sausalito Marin City School District have a fiduciary responsibility of care, loyalty and obedience and cannot lawfully represent the interests of Willow Creek Academy. She said that the two trustees who continue to recuse themselves from items on the agenda or fail to come to board meetings must cease serving on the board as they are not honoring their responsibility to the district.

Approval of the Indoor Environmental Services (IES) Contract to Complete Energy Efficient Upgrades at Bayside Martin Luther King Junior Academy

Stan Butts of IES said that all the funding for the \$230K project comes from the State of California Proposition 39 apportionment and there is no out-of-pocket cost to the district. This contract is specific to Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. Willow Creek Academy will have its own separate contract with IES.

M/s/c Newmeyer/Green to Approve the Contract with IES to Complete Energy Efficient Upgrades at Bayside Martin Luther King Junior Academy

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Resolution 751 – Approval of Findings for Prop 39 Project

Roll Call Van Alst/Turner to Approve Findings for the Prop 39 Project

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

REPORTS

Site Leadership

Principal David Finnane shared information on numbers of Bayside MLK Jr. Academy students who have attended pre-school, showing that between 30 to 60 percent of our students in TK to First grade have had some kind of pre-school experience. He also talked about results of assessments at the TK and kindergarten levels, and of the Fall and Winter Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for 1st through 8th grades.

Teachers Michael Stern and LeShawn Holcomb gave more details on the MAP scores for their students. They invited trustees and members of the community to visit their classrooms to witness firsthand the learning that takes place beyond the testing process.

Bettie Hodges, executive director of the Hannah Project, said that she would like to see the school emphasize cultural relevance in the curriculum to help students achieve their highest potential.

Barbara Sapienza, a volunteer, said that she hopes that the community can raise enough funds to have a mindfulness coach at the school in the near future.

Parent Liaison – Felicia Younger

Ms. Younger explained her community outreach work during registration for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. She said that she contacted parents via telephone, text and home visits. She also reached out to parents for the Tam High School registration event.

She said that the parent roundtable meetings at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy draw from one to seven participants each week.

Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins said that students enjoyed participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations. She thanked community partners Juanita Edwards and Felicia Gaston for their hard work. Feedback from the Tam high registration night has been very positive. Parents and students were happy to have the more intimate venue of the Bayside MLK Jr. Academy multi-purpose room to meet with high school counselors, submit paperwork and select classes.

The school has held two LCAP engagement workshops in recent weeks. Parents shared excellent, wide-ranging ideas for improvement.

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve the Following Consent Agenda items:

Payment of Warrants – Batches 26-29

Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting

Payment to the Hannah Project - August 2017 to January 2018

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Personnel Action Report – 2017-2018/3

M/s/c Van Alst/Green to Approve the Personnel Action Report - 2017-2018/3

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

At 8:15 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

Superintendent 's Report

Superintendent McCoy reminded the audience that a Black History Month celebration will take place at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy on February 15. He thanked the First Missionary Baptist Church for sponsoring the program.

The Change in Scope request to the District's Facility Mitigation Program grant has been submitted to the Office of Public School Construction.

With assistance from the California School Board Association, district staff has completed the review of all district policies and administrative regulations. These updated policies will be brought to the Board for approval in the coming months.

As part of the District's partnership with the Marin City and Marin county libraries, our school will receive an Innovation Station Grant that will bring technology, including a 3D printer and Mini Maker Space to our library.

CLM Inc. Group Contract

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Group Contract with CLM Inc.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Review and Approve the School Accountability Report Card 2016-2017 Published in 2017-2018 (SARC) for Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy

Superintendent McCoy said that this reporting is an annual State requirement.

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the School Accountability Report Card 2016-2017 Published in 2017-2018 (SARC) for Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy with Minor Revisions

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Green/Turner to Adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst



Signature/Date

3/13/2018

Title